

PUBLIC NOTICE

FOR APPOINTMENT OF NEW MAGISTRATE JUDGE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS (Available September 9, 2016)

The United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois is seeking qualified applicants for the position of full-time United States Magistrate Judge for its office in Benton, Illinois.

This full-time position will replace the incumbent United States Magistrate Judge Philip M. Frazier upon his retirement on September 8, 2016. The position is available on September 9, 2016.

The duties of the position are demanding and wide-ranging and include:

- conduct most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases;
- conduct trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases;
- conduct various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from a district judge; and
- conduct trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants.

The basic authority of a United States magistrate judge is specified in 28 U.S.C. § 636.

To be qualified for appointment an applicant must

- (1) Be, and have been for at least five years, a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of a state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Territory of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or the Virgin Islands of the United States, and have been engaged in the active practice of law for a period of at least five years (with some substitutes authorized);
- (2) Be competent to perform all the duties of the office; be of good moral character; be emotionally stable and mature; be committed to equal justice under the law; be in good health; be patient and courteous; and be capable of deliberation and decisiveness;
- (3) Be less than seventy years old; and
- (4) Not be related to a judge of the district court.

A merit selection panel composed of attorneys and other members of the community will review all applications and recommend to the district judges in confidence the five persons it considers

best qualified. The court will make the appointment following an FBI full-field investigation and an IRS tax check of the applicant selected by the court for appointment. An affirmative effort will be made to give due consideration to all qualified applicants without regard to race, color, age (40 and over), gender, religion, national origin, or disability. The current annual salary of the position is \$185,012. The term of office is eight years.

An application form and more information on the magistrate judge position in this court may be obtained on the court's website at www.ilsd.uscourts.gov. The form is also available from the office of the clerk by contacting Justine Flanagan, Acting Clerk of Court, at (618) 482-9373. Confidential applications (original plus 8 copies) must be submitted by applicants and **must be received by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 30, 2015 to:**

United States District Court
c/o Merit Selection Panel
"PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL"
750 Missouri Avenue
East St. Louis, Illinois 62201

In addition, please email a pdf copy to justine_flanagan@ilsd.uscourts.gov. The subject line should read "PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL – Merit Selection Panel".

All applications will be kept confidential, unless the applicant consents to disclosure, and all applications will be examined only by members of the merit selection panel and the judges of the district court. The panel's deliberations will remain confidential.